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Dear Mr. Smith:

Thank you for your letter of June 21st (HCS - 49). I do not believe that I can be of very much help to you with respect to your request. My personal interest has centered on the USSR and I find this a sufficiently large subject so that between following it and US developments, I have little time left for other things. Moreover, the range of my own interest has pretty effectively kept me out of touch with people in other parts of government who may be interested in countries such as Germany and Japan.

I would guess that your best bet would be to get in touch with people either in the Commerce Department or the State Department. As you may know there is a group in the State Department - Business Defense Services Administration - which holds itself open to consider requests from US industry. There is within BDSA an electrical branch.

This is also the sort of problem on which Mapi can be very helpful. If you were to address a note to Charlie Stewart, I am certain that you would get a very helpful reply.

25X1A9a Very truly yours,

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